
EFFECTIVE

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Subject(s)

1. Supervisor Approval of Filing a Petition.
2. Child Protection Law.
3. Power of Attorney.
4. Mediation.
5. Physical Abuse Complaint Response Criteria.

**1) Supervisor
Approval of Filing
a Petition****PSM 715-3, Supervisor Approval of Filing a Petition**

Policy was added to provide requirement of caseworker consultation with supervisor for filing a petition. Criteria for supervisors to base approval of filing of a petition including a request for removal of children was added.

**2) Child Protection
Law****PSM 715-3, Section 18, MCL 722.638**

To address In RE Gach, and amendment to MCL 722.638 provisions for required petitions and requests for termination were completed.

Reason: Align with changes to CPL.

**3) Power of
Attorney****PSM 715-3, Power of Attorney**

A parent maintains the ability to initiate a power of attorney during active CPS involvement. If a petition is required by the Child Protection Law or is needed to ensure child safety, a petition **must** be filed. A petition should be filed despite a parent seeking or obtaining a power of attorney for his/her child(ren).

Reason: Children's Ombudsman Office recommendation.

4) Mediation**PSM 715-3, Mediation**

Guidance was added regarding mediation to provide caseworkers with direction for situations in which mediation is ordered.

Reason: Office of Child Welfare Policy and Programs recommendation.

**5) Physical Abuse
Complaint
Response Criteria****PSM 712-4, Physical Abuse Complaint Response Criteria**

Corrections were made to Exhibit III-Physical Abuse Complaint Response Criteria.

Reason: CPS Program Office recommendation.

**MANUAL
MAINTENANCE
INSTRUCTIONS**

Changed Items ...

[PSM 712-4](#)

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